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ON NUCLEAR TESTS

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1. [] STATED [] THAT TWO DAYS EARLIER PRIME MINISTER NEHRU HAD DESPATCHED A TELEGRAM TO AMB S. DUTT IN MOSCOW ASKING HIM TO PROTEST TO THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT ON THE SOVIET NUCLEAR TESTS. NEHRU INSTRUCTED DUTT TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT HE CONSIDERED SOVIET TALK ABOUT THEIR NATIONAL SECURITY WAS ONLY A PRETEXT FOR INITIATING THE TESTS, SINCE NO CONCEIVABLE PROBLEMS OF SOVIET SECURITY CAN JUSTIFY THE EXPLOSIONS. NEHRU VOICED HIS DISTRESS THAT THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAD TAKEN NO NOTICE WHATEVER OF THE U.N. APPEAL TO STOP TESTING, AND EXPRESSED HIS FEAR THAT THE RESULT OF THE SOVIET TESTS WOULD BE THE INITIATION OF ATMOSPHERIC TESTING BY OTHER POWERS.

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2. [] NEHRU WAS DEEPLY CONCERNED OVER THE CURRENT ANTI-INDIAN CAMPAIGN IN THE UNITED STATES, AND WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CONVINCE PRESIDENT KENNEDY THAT INDIA HAS A BALANCED FOREIGN POLICY AND IS NOT "MEASURING BY TWO STANDARDS." [] COMPLAINED ABOUT THE NAIVE BLACK-AND-WHITE APPROACH OF THE AMERICAN PRESS WHICH DISTORTED THE BASIC BALANCE IN INDIA'S POSITION. INDIA HAD OPPOSED BOTH THE U.S. AND THE SOVIET RESOLUTIONS IN THE UNITED NATIONS, BUT THE AMERICAN PRESS SINGLED OUT ONLY THE ANTI-U.S. MOVE. NEHRU'S KEY AIM IS TO STOP FURTHER ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION BY ANY POSSIBLE MEANS, AND HE CANNOT BE CONVINCED THAT THE INDIAN RESOLUTION FOR AN INTERIM MORATORIUM WILL IN ITSELF HOLD UP NEGOTIATIONS FOR A NUCLEAR TEST BAN TREATY.

3. [] NEHRU'S PUBLIC STATEMENTS CONDEMNING THE SOVIET TESTS WERE COINED IN THE STRONGEST TERMS USED BY HIM AGAINST ANY FOREIGN POWER SINCE THE SUEZ CRISIS.

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